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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOA/DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR LOAD BEARING EQUIPMENT

REF: ABU DHABI 2323

1. WE WELCOME UAE DEFENSE FORCE DECISION TO HAVE AMBASSA-
DOR GHOBASH SIGN LETTER OF OFFER. WE WILL HOLD ORIGINAL
HERE FOR HIS SIGNATURE. YOU SHOULD SUBMIT COPY OF LOA WE
HAVE POUCHED TO GENERAL KHALDI AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT.

2. FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO QUESTIONS YOU HAVE RAISED:

A. PROCEDURE OUTLINED BY KHALDI ACCEPTABLE. CHECK SHOULD
BE MADE PAYABLE TO TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND SENT BY EMBASSY UNDER COVER OF A LETTER TO COMMANDER,
U.S. ARMY INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS COMMAND, ATTN: DSIL -
NC/FA, NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA 17070. EMBASSY SHOULD
ALSO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF PAYMENT BY CABLE TO STATE, DOD,
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AND ARMY LOGISTICS COMMAND IN NEW CUMBERLAND.

B. TOTAL COST OF EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION IS DOLS
3,383,157. IN DRAWING CHECK, UAEG HAS TWO OPTIONS:
OPTION ONE: UAEG COULD MAKE ENTIRE PAYMENT. IF ARRANGE-

MENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION ALLOWED US TO MAKE A REFUND, THIS
WOULD OF COURSE BE MADE IN TIMELY FASHION.
OPTION TWO: UAEG COULD AWAIT AN EXCHANGE OF CABLES
BETWEEN EMBASSY, STATE, AND DOD TO DETERMINE EXACT RE-
DUCTION IN COSTS POSSIBLE THROUGH USE OF UAE C-130 AIR-
CRAFT TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND THEN DRAW CHECK FOR
AMOUNT. WE THINK FIRST OPTION IS PREFERABLE.

C. UAEG COULD ELECT TO USE ONE OR BOTH OF ITS C-130'S TO
TRANSPORT WEB GEAR TO THE EMIRATES. THIRTY THOUSAND SETS
WEIGH A TOTAL OF ABOUT 150 TONS. SINCE CAPACITY OF C-130
IS ABOUT 10 TONS, ABOUT 15 SORTIES WOULD BE REQUIRED IF
ALL THE EQUIPMENT WERE LIFTED BY UAE C-130'S. COST
REDUCTIONS COULD BE MADE IF UAE AIRLIFTED SOME PORTION
AND SAVINGS COULD ALSO OCCUR IN PACKAGING.

D. LOAD BEARING EQUIPMENT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM
STOCK, PACKED, AND READY FOR PICK-UP BY UAE C-130'S AT
FOUR LOCATIONS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH E BELOW, GIVEN ONE
WEEK'S NOTICE. ALTERNATIVELY, PARTIAL SHIPMENTS COULD
BE PICKED UP AT EACH LOCATION AND CONSOLIDATED FOR PICK-UP
AT A SINGLE LOCATION. COSTS OF CONSOLIDATING EQUIPMENT
AT ONE POINT FOR PICK-UP WOULD BE EXTRA AND FOR UAE
ACCOUNT.

E. WEIGHT AND CUBIC DIMENSIONS BY SUPPLY LOCATION FOLLOWS:
MECHANICSBURG, PA 127,215 LBS, 6,345 CU FT
FIELD PACKS; LEFT STRAPS; RIGHT STRAPS; BELTS; CANTEENS;
CANTEEN CUPS; CANTEEN COVERS; DRESSINGS.

RICHMOND, VA. 52,500 LBS, 3,320 CU FT
SUSPENDERS; ARMS CASES (AMMO); CARRIER, ENTRENCHING TOOL;
FIRST AID CASES.

MEMPHIS, TENN. 24,450 LBS, 1,335 CU FT
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FIELD PACKS; LEFT STRAPS.

ALBURN, WASH. 88,800 LBS, 3,930 CU FT.
ENTRENCHING TOOLS;
-- TOTALS 292,965 LBS AND 14,930 CU FT.

3. IF UAE WANTS TO ASSURE PROMPT DELIVERY, IT SHOULD
AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE OF LOA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND INFORM

US OF ITS DECISIONS REGARDING USE OF C-130'S TO ALLOW US
TO REVISE TRANSPORTATION ESTIMATES AND CALCULATE FINAL
COST. ONCE DETERMINED, WE WILL NEED CONFIRMATION RECEIPT
OF CHECK TO COVER COSTS.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM UAEG THAT DESERT CAMOUFLAGE
COVERS ARE NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN UAE'S ORDER. YOU
SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT TO GENERAL KHALDI THAT SINCE WEB
GEAR IS OUT OF US STOCKS, INITIALS U.S. ARE STENCILED ON
ALL ITEMS, ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT STAND OUT PROMINENTLY
BECAUSE OF DARK OLIVE GREEN COLOR OF GEAR. UAE DEFENSE
FORCE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER APPLYING OWN STENCIL OVER
LETTERS AFTER EQUIPMENT RECEIVED.
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